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APPLICATION ELEMENTS FOR:

SETTLEMENT PROCESSING APPARATUS, SYSTEM, METHOD, AND PROGRAM THEREOF, AND RECORDING MEDIUM FOR RECORDING THE PROGRAM

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- 1. [XX] Fee Transmittal Form (Incorporated within this form) (Submit an original and a duplicate for fee processing)
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- b. [] Copy from prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d))

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i. Deletion of Inventor(s)

Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b)

5. [] Incorporation by reference (useable if box 4b is checked)

The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under Box 4b, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

- 6. [] Microfiche Computer Program (Appendix)
- 7. [] Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission (if applicable, all necessary)
 - a. [] Computer Readable Copy
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 - c. [] Statement Verifying identity of above copies

ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

8. [XX] Assignment Papers (cover sheet and document(s)) to: <u>PIONEER CORPORATION, Tokyo, Japan</u> and <u>INCREMENT P CORPORATION, Tokyo, Japan</u>.

Please publish the assignee data with the application.

9. [] 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement (when there is an assignee)

[XX] Power of Attorney

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10. [] English translation Document (if applicable)				
11. [XX] Information Disclosure Statement [1] Copies of IDS Citations w/PTO-1449 and 1 reference				
12. [XX] Preliminary Amendment				
13. [XX] Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)				
14. [] Small Entity Status is claimed.				
 15. [XX] Claim for Convention Priority [1] Certified copy of Priority Document is enclosed a. Priority of <u>Japanese</u> application no. <u>2002-266525</u> filed on <u>September 12, 2002</u> is claimed under 35 USC 119. 16. [] Other				
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